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Ravalli County Administration
215 South 4th Street
Hamilton, Montana 59840

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Ravalli County Commissioners

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County Commissioners,

On April 28, 2008 at 2:30 PM the commissioners held a public meeting to consider a request for abandonment of an old public easement that adjoins property owned by my client, Mr. George W. Korson. This easement is at the end of Hawthorne Lane in Hamilton. The commissioners approved the petition for abandonment and stipulated that Mr. Korson was to construct a culdesac turnaround, which we have agreed to do, after the county attorney reviews the county's proposal and finalizes our agreement. It has been four months since the commissioners' approval and the county attorney has not yet found the time to review the documents and give a final determination on the commissioner's agreement. During the last four months we have shown the properties; which are currently for sale, to a number of potential buyers. Each time we have shown the properties, we have disclosed the public easement information and the county's approval to abandon the easement. At this time we have potential buyers who are interested in the property but are waiting for the county to finalize this agreement prior to pursuing a purchase of the property.

In closing this correspondence, I would like to state that I feel the county has dropped the ball in this transaction. It has been stated to me, by county representatives, that the county attorney prioritizes the work load in order of importance. With the condition of the national economy, the real estate business is tough enough to conduct without being handicapped by a county priority system. Real estate sales are a major contributor to the Ravalli County economy and we would appreciate it if the county attorney would consider our business with the county as being important. I will be available for communication and would greatly appreciate a more expeditious response from the county attorney's office. We look forward to finalizing the county's agreement with us.

Best Regards,

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Cc George W. Korson